File No. 502
1886.

Collection No.

Mysore Residency

File No 502 & 1886

Sl No 1-13

Pros. Serial Nos. 1 — 13

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Subject.

Question of repairing the compound wall of the Venkataramanaswamy Temple in the Fort at Bangalore (at Lalbagh)

Previous References.

Later References.

S. 97.

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1886.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE

General.

FILE No. 502 Of 1886

From The Mysore Durbar

No. 3807/233

Dated 6th aug 1886 | Enc. "

Received 9th — — | Spare copies. "

Subject.

The Venkatramanaswami Temple in the Bangalore Fort.

Notes and orders.

S. No 2

In the above the Durbar brings to notice that the Pujari of the Venkatramanaswami Temple in the Bangalore Fort has been served with a notice by the Municipality of the Civil and Military Station to repair the compound wall of the Temple, and observes that the repair of the Temple would seem

to be a proper charge on the funds of the Muzoi Dept. of the Civil & Military Station.

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2. In letter No. 1439 d. 30th May 1886 the Government of India sanctioned the payment of Rs. 52-6-0 p.a. as a charitable grant to the Venkatramanaswami Temple. The cost of repairs to the temple would seem to be a legitimate charge against the grant referred to. S. No. 1

3. A copy of the Sirkars' letter may be forwarded to the Collector, Civil & Military Station, for disposal or report if necessary with the remark con-

tained in the preceding para-
graph of Note.

4. Dft. p/p^d for approval.

W. R. Lamb
17th Jan. 87.

Mr Clarke

A

5 I think the Coll^rs may be asked to report
whether if the Grants are considered the
grants will be absorbed in their execution
for some time to come. Perhaps the
Collectors could arrange at the same
influential persons who present the
temples to do what is necessary. Even if
funds are available I suppose the Rents
will not be forthcoming to answer an
extra grant until the ensuing year of the
case when this fasli emerges. Are there
no papers regarding what the grants on
the Head of the temples were.

18/87 GK

6. Before the letter to the Govt: of India was issued in March 1886, a reference was made to the Collector in regard to the Temples forming the subject of this note, and other Temples situated in the Bangalore Fort. Major Matthy then said, "I presume my opinion "is merely asked on the "subject of the payments to "be made to the Temples "in the Fort. The Inam "Register has been submitted "in original and that shows "the Temples in the Fort and "the sums paid by the "Inam Comm after inquiry "into their titles and the "amount sanctioned to each "Temple should in my opinion "be paid out of the revenue "of the Assigned Tract, the "Temples being situated in the "Fort."

Sd No 1.

Para 88 of Note in File 28 B of 85.

Since returned to Dewan's Office.

7. The Annual payment of Rs. 4.5.10

to this Temple (Venkatramanaswami) is made by the Resident Treasury on a Bill countersigned by the Collector. The Items are not credited to any Fund, but they are spent by the "Dharmakartas in the purchase of articles for the performance of ceremonies, & in paying the Servants employed in the Temples.

8 It has been ascertained that for the upkeep of these temples certain Inam lands have been assigned, the proceeds of the lands being devoted to repairs &c. But it is submitted that the Collectors be addressed as at A in para 5 and at the same time asked to report annually on the affairs and condition of the Hindu Temples in the

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Civil & Sessions Clerkships Act
receive a pension aid
from Imperial Revenues.

H.C. 3. 2. 87

9. I do not imagine we can encourage
the appointing any temple to
which, on this institution, a monthly
grant is given. All we require is to
know that the grants from public
Revenues are duly applied to specific use
but in applying to the service of the
temple. The Collector might, however,
be asked to report. OK

8/2/87

10. Draft to Collector Pp. for
approval.

Rennick

H. R. Lamb
18th Feb. 87 H.C.

OK
22.2.87

11- The monthly grants is between Rps 4 and 5, and such grants are known by Mysore custom as inadequate and as grants. In fact a subsistence allowance to priests or servants or for cost of silk or flowers for daily ceremonies. I should think be a mistake to suggest that such a grant is intended to meet these

12 We might ask D.C. Shetty to report (1) whether the temple has other endowments in land and if so what revenue they show is it applied

(2) whether accounts can be quoted for Mysore Bangalore temples showing those temples in the list, and if so what are such estimates would be their cost in this case.

(3) We might remark that the adequacy or the reverse of the grant has no bearing on fact and question of Mysore Hindus

would have it obtained by an expenditure in excess of the limits of income or architecture in excess of the expenditure on those grounds.

(4) It is for consideration whether the Government would not be justified in raising the wages to an extent sufficient to meet the increased cost of living.

23/2/07.

Draft ok
23/2/07

13. Dft. to Dist. Magistrate & Collector forwarded accordingly for approval.

W.R. Lawrence
26 Feb 87 28/2/87.

14. Letter to the Collector Cuddapah received. No. 654/5026 dated 3rd March 1887. Ack. No-4

OK

15 May a reminder issue to Serial No. 4, to the Collector C & M. Station ?

KCB. 18.4.87 KH.

16 Draft reminder submitted for approval.

KCB. 21.4.87

S. No. 5

17 Reminder to the Collector, C & M Station issued. No. 1347/5026 dated 22 April 1887. BR

18 May a reminder issue to Serial No. 5 ?

KCB. 25.5.87 KH.

19. Draft reminder submitted for approval.

KCB. 26.5.87

S. No. 6

20 Reminder to the Supdt. issued. No. 1647/5026 dated 30 June 1887 BR

S. No. 7

21. Letter No. 206/33 d. 28 &

May 1887 from the Collector, Civil & Military Station of Bangalore.

221 In the above the Collector furnishes the following information regarding the Venkataramanaswami temple in the Fort of Bangalore :—

a. That the temple receives an annual money grant of ₹. 52-6-4 (or ₹. 4-5-3 m.) from the revenues of the Assigned Tract which is paid to the Poojari (worshipper);

b. that the Managers of the Temple hold as Inam a grant of dry & wet land in the village of Kembathi halli, Bangalore Taluk, yielding abut ₹. 12 a year, of which ₹. 3/ is paid as quit rent, and the remainder devoted to the "Service of the Temple";

c. that the architecture of

the building is reported to be similar to that of hundreds of like buildings in the Mysore State;

d. that it has been ascertained that the Temple was built so far back as 537 by Kempe Gowda, Prabhu (Chief) of Yelahunka, a feudatory of the Kings of Anegondi;

e. that the temple is said to be frequented by about 30 worshippers a month, and that at an annual procession in connection with the Temple from 200 to 300 people attend;

f. that it is reported that it would be difficult to raise a contribution of even ~~R~~ 20 from the worshippers for the repairs of the Temple;

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

g. that previous to 1881 all necessary repairs are said to have been undertaken by the Mysore State;

h. that the Temple premises were inspected by the Amildar of the Civil & Military Station in company with the Ex. Engineer of the Municipality;

i. that the cost of repairs to the Temple would, as per estimate, amount to Rs. 690-

23. The Collector states that since the Rendition in 1881 no demand has been made on Government for the repairs of any of the temples

in the Fort, and he suggests that, considering the history of the Venkatariamanaswami Temple, the Government should prevent its getting into further disrepair.

24. The Collector recommends that the Government of India be moved to sanction the estimated cost of repairs which he states can be met from the savings in the budget of the Assigned Grant for the current year, 1887-88.

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25. Before noting further on this case may the Board be asked for information in

(Continuation of Note or Précis.)

respect to the principles on which the temples in the Mysore State are aided by Government; whether such aid is granted to a particular class of temples or granted to temples indescriminately without reference to the religious sect to which they belong; and whether any limit is fixed as to the amount to which aid is granted, and whether as stated by the Collector, the Venkataramanaswami temple has been kept in repair by the Mysore State?

W. R. Lawrence
15th June 87

26 I do not imagine that we should be justified in spending Govt: money on the temple to the extent contemplated in the estimate. It is evidently not held in much veneration now, and architecturally cannot be considered important, though the Dept: may apparently only have lately reported, that it should be finished entirely as the Statute book states. Even were the temple worth preserving from an æsthetic or architectural point of view Govt: could I conceive do nothing more than conserve it & not decay -

27 Mem: that Thompson Trust as mentioned in the Chancellor's letter - as a matter of grace we might repair the Cupboard with on the Chancellor's private account.

(Continuation of Note or Précis.)

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M

17 6/87

Rest

28 Letter amidst a letter with entrance to the port at 7 30 on Monday morning of the 20th being taken on this tenth.

Or

Rep

29 Mr James, the auditor having met the President this morning the file is resubmitted for further orders.

Ref. 20.6.87.

Rest M

20 6/87

30- I visited Mrs Langston's building
morning - It seems that an
interesting old building but I
doubt if it can
from its appearance & site
archaeological value -

31. As regards any progress I do
expect there will after a certain
time be a certain [illegible]
completing [illegible] & [illegible]
years ago I. I do not know [illegible]
spending money on it - ~~It~~
~~is not~~ It entirely depends
[illegible] on - [illegible] is doubtful
showing a interest but it is
anything round about -

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32 Work to begin [illegible] & two
stations existing the [illegible]
with any progress & existing
of the [illegible] & [illegible]

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(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

[illegible]

21.6.87

33. Dft. to Collector + Dist. Magistrate, h/p^d for appn^d

W. Lainey
23rd June 87

34. Letter to the Collector of the C + Sn Station, issued. No. 2006/5026
of 28th June 1887.

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

S.A. No. 10.

35. J. 22.9.87
See petitioner's case C. Van Kaba
Row says that the Resident
after visiting the Temple
in the Fort, this file treats
of Jemindar Krishna's orders
for its restoration.

Rever
JHS

36. A: Asst Secy Finance the Collector
on the subject
C. & M. Ch. Pts is awaited.
Petitioner's letter enclosed
file from the record?

H. 30.9.87
Resident has asked for the
file on receipt of petitioner's

H. Mcc

37. Lent permanently to Collector
& submit file for Resident's
Journal.

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38. Draft reminder submitted for approval.

H.C.R.
5.10.87.

39. Reminder being faxed. File sub^d as ordered in para 37.

H. 5.10.87.

40. Reminder may be cancelled, as the Collector in letter No. 650 dated 3rd Oct. forwards a copy of a report from the Municipal Engineer W^h is to the effect that when Mr Gridstone visited the Fort he noticed the walls of the Temple were in a dilapidated condition and asked Senipath Bhatt Hawe Hemp patrin order the pujari however, petitioned saying the Temple was Govt: property & that the repairs should be carried out by Govt: S.L.R. No. 11.

41. Nothing more appears to have been done after that. In para 32 the President has ~~said~~ decided to let the matter drop as we cannot undertake to do anything in the way of repairs and the injuries clearly can not submit to Jairam for decision para 35. H. S. 10.89

42. Result
May petitioner be informed that no assistance can be rendered him in the ~~matter~~ of repairing the temple? S M Mirza
5/10.

43 Yes & that I have no objection to any

44. Mirza 8/10 [illegible] 10/89

45 Draft Order submitted for favour of approval.—

19/10/87. M.

13/10

Cust. to G. Venkoba Rao. issued. A.

3369/5026 of 14 October 1887.

47. It is submitted that a copy of para 2 of this office letter of 28 June 87 be forwarded to the Durbar for information with reference to their letter of 6 Augt 1886 — S? No. 2. this will close the case

S? No. 8

40. 15.10.87 19/10

49 A draft letter to the Dewan of Mysore submitted for favour of approval. —

19/10/87. M.

22/10

50 Letter to the Dewan issued. A.

3677/5026 of 24 October 1887

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No. 803-285, dated Bangalore, 31st March 1886.

From—C. GIRDLESTONE, Esq., Officiating Resident in Mysore,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept.

I do myself the honor of reminding you that in the twelfth clause of the third paragraph of letter No. 1325-190, dated 25th September 1884, from this Office, Mr. Lyall stated among other subjects that he had sanctioned the continuance of certain small charitable payments aggregating Rs. 21-13-0 per month. These were on account of certain Hindu temples situated in the Civil and Military Station, as specified on the margin.

	Rs.	a.	p.	
Halasur Someswara .	87	4	0	
Do. Subramanyeswara .	87	4	0	
Do. Anjaneyaswamy .	87	4	0	
Rs.	261	12	0	per annum.
= Rs.	21	13	0	per mensem.

2. In letter No. 1144-I., dated 13th April 1885, from your Office, the general approval of the Government of India was conveyed to the adoption of the arrangements proposed by Mr. Lyall. Since then the Dewan of Mysore has brought to notice that the list of Hindu temples in the Civil and Military Station, towards which charitable grants were made by the late Chief Commissioner of Mysore, was not complete, as it did not include the temples in the Fort of Bangalore. The addition of these to the list will involve an increased expenditure of Rs. 6-4-10 per mensem in the charitable payments from the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, as specified on the margin.

	Rs.	a.	p.	
Jalakanteswara .	17	7	0	
Vinayaka .	5	13	0	
Venkataramanaswamy .	52	6	0	
Rs.	75	10	0	per annum.
= Rs.	6	4	10	per mensem.

3. I have satisfied myself by a reference to the Collector of the Civil and Military Station that the additional expenditure is a proper charge on the revenues of the Assigned Tract. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Government of India may be pleased to accord its sanction to the items in question.

No. 1439-I., dated Simla, 30th May 1886.

From—G. S. FORBES, Esq., Junior Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept.,

To—The Officiating Resident in Mysore.

In reply to your letter No. 803-285, dated the 31st March 1886, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction an additional expenditure of Rs. 6-4-10 per mensem, from the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, in charitable payments to certain Hindu temples in the Bangalore Fort.

No. 1440-I.

Copy of the foregoing correspondence forwarded to the Department of Finance for information, in continuation of the endorsement from this Office, No. 1271-I., dated the 24th April 1885.

Exd.—W. G. B.

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No. 3807
233.

Office of the Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore, 6th August 1886.

To,

The Assistant to the Resident
in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with my letter No. 4128/231 dated 27th October 1885, regarding the payment from the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of the allowances amounting to Rs. 6-4-10 per mensem of the Temples of Venkatramana-swamy, Jalakanteswara and Vinayaka in the Fort of Bangalore, I have the honor, by desire of the Dewan, to bring to your notice that the Pujari of the Venkatramanaswami Temple has been served with a notice by the Municipality of the Civil and Military Station to repair the compound wall of the Temple and to observe that the repair of the Temple would seem to be a proper charge on the funds of the Muzri Department of the Civil and Military Station.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

R. Ry...

Chief Secretary.

File No. 28 of 1885
(allowance to
Govindachetty
Chettiar) is
required to dis=
pose of this case.

PBR
6.9.86

Linked
Keep with file 28 of 1885
Encumbrance 1/12
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The papers in File 28/1885
having been consulted.
The only paper that
appears to touch on
this subject is Serial No. 1
of this File.

17.1.86.

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Alaur. Subramaniya. Swamis Temple

Pay of Archaka	0	11	8
Do Do	"	11	8
Paricharaka or Cook			
Do Do Peculiar of Guardians	7	"	
Do Do Parpathicar	"	1	2
Do Do Sthanapaty	"	2	4
Do Do Flower Supplier	"	4	8
Do Do Potter	"	4	8
Do Do Sweeper	0	1	2
Do Do Washerman	0	1	2
Do Do Musicians	0	11	7
Do Do Dancing Girl	0	11	7
Do Do	4	4	8

Current expences

Rice for daily use	1	7	10
Oil, Camphor & Benjamin	0	14	"
Friday Expense Do	4	4	8
Krishtigay do Do	0	4	4
	2	14	10
Do Do	0	0	10
Do	2	15	8

Monthly Expense 4 — 4 — 8

Daily do 2 — 15 — 8

Total 7 — 4 — 4

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 654/5026 Enc. 1

Dated 3rd March 1887.

To

The Dist. Magistrate & Collector
Civil & Military Station
Bangalore.

Sir-

In forwarding a copy of letter No. 3807/233 d. 6th augt 1886 from the Mysore Durbar regarding the repairs of the Venkatrama-naswami Temple in the Fort of Bangalore, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to report

(a) whether the temple has ~~other~~ endowments in land, or otherwise, and if so what; is the revenue therefrom and how is it applied;

(b) whether precedents can be quoted for the Mysore Government undertaking repairs to the temples in the Fort, and if so what at a rough estimate

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would be the cost in this case;
(c) whether the Venkatramana swami temple is of historical or architectural interest sufficient to justify expenditure on those grounds;
(d) whether the temple is frequented for purposes of worship, and whether a fund could be raised by worshipers which might be supplemented by a grant in aid from Government.

2. I am to add that the administration of the Civil & Military Station has no Muzzaraji fund and that the sanction of the Government of India will have to be obtained for any expenditure in repairing the Venkatramanaswami Temple.

I have &c

W. R. Lamb
26 Feb 87

28.2.87

Asst. to the Resident

Serial No. 5

[Draft]—For approval.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, 22 April 1887.

No. 1347/5026.

To

The District Magistrate
& Collector, C & M. State
Bangalore

Sir,

*Subject.

Requesting to be furnished with certain information regarding Venkatrama-swami Temple in the Fort of Bangalore.

I am directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the *margin, and to request the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

init'd D.R.

Assistant to the Resident.

*Ref. No. 4 No. 654/5026 dated 32 Mar: 87

Subsequent Reminder

No. " dated

H.C.B. 21.4.87 H.

Serial No. 6

[Draft]—For approval.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, 30th May 1887. No. 1647/5026.

To

The District Magistrate
& Collector, C & M. Station
Bangalore.

SIR,

*Subject.

Requesting to be furnished with certain information regarding Venkatramana = = Swamis Temple in the East of Bangalore.

Ml 4 No. 654/502·6 dated 3rd March 87

Subsequent Reminder

Ml 5 No. 1347/502·6 dated 22nd April 87.

I am directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the *margin, and to request the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Assistant to the Resident.

26.5.87 M. Fair letter.

No. 206 Eccl.
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Office of the Collector,
Civil and Military Station
Bangalore dated 28 May 1887.

To

The Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 654/5026 dated 3rd March 1887 regarding the repairs of the "Venkataramanaswami Temple" in the Fort of Bangalore and in reply to the several queries therein contained I beg to afford the following information.

2 The Venkataramanaswami Temple receives an annual money grant of Rupees 52—6— & Rs 4—5— per measem from the Revenues of the Civil and Military Stations; this

(a) Whether the Temple has endowment in land or otherwise and if so what is the revenue therefrom and ... of it is it applied?

this sum is paid to the Poojaree (worshipper) as Remuneration for his Services in Connection with the Temple The managers of the Temple further hold as Inam a grant of dry and wet land situated in the Village of Kembathi halli (Jodi) of the Begur hobli Bangalore Taluk, to the extent of 14 Coodoos and 6½ "Padies" or about 1¾ acres yielding annually 3 Candies of Ragi valued ~~Rs~~ 12 or thereabouts; this sum is devoted to the Service of the Temple less 3 Rupees paid as quit Rent to the Jodidar of the Village.

3 This being the first instance, since (6) Whether precedents can be quoted for the the Rendition, of a report Govt under &c, demand made on repairs to the Temples as the Fort, and if so what al- Government for the a rough estimate would be the cost in this case —— repairs of any of the Temples in the Fort, no precedents can

can be quoted. Previous to 1881 all
necessary repairs are said to have
been undertaken by the Impose State
The Amildar of the Station who visited
the Temple premises, accompanied
by the Executive Engineer of the
"Station" Municipality, reports, that the "whole
"place bore the look of decay and
neglect" — The cost of repairs would
amount to ~~Rs~~ 690 as per estimate
enclosed —

4 The architecture of the building
(c) Whether the Venkata-ramanaswami Temple is of historical or architectural interest sufficient to justify a puncture on this ground? — is reported to be similar to that of hundreds of like buildings in the Impose Province. As regards the history of the Temple it has been ascertained, that the Temple was built so far back as 1537 by Kempé Gowda, Prabhú (Chief) of

of Gelahunka, a feudatory of the Kings of Anegondi from whom in recognition of his Zeal and activity in their Service, he obtained a grant of 12 hobles yielding a revenue of 30,000 pagodas — There is also a popular belief that the Sacred Stone pillar in front of the temple (Garuda Kamban) suffered damages from bombardment at the taking of the Fort in 1791 by Lord Cornwallis-

5 (d) Whether the temple is frequented for purposes of worship and whether a fund could be raised by worshippers which might be supplemented by a grant in aid from Govt —

The temple is said to be frequented by about 30 worshippers a month. There is also an annual Procession in connection with the Temple attended by some 200 or 300 people. It is reported, that it would be difficult

to raise a contribution of even Rs 20/- from the worshippers—

6 I would suggest bearing in mind the fact, that the temple of "Venkatarāmanaswami" in the Fort, dates back further than any other temple in the Civil and Military Station for which a money grant is given by the Government, as also, that it has some historical importance connected with the Seige of the Fort, that Government do act towards preventing the Temple getting into further disrepair; and I would recommend that the Government of India be moved to sanction the estimated cost of repairs which can be met from the

Savings in the Budget of the assigned Trait for the current year (1887–88)

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt: Servant
Edw. Hewetson
Offg. Collector

PS/.

Estimate of the probable cost of repairing the Temple & Fort

Particulars	No.	measurements L	B	D	Contents	Per	Rate	Amount
Excavation								
Compound wall North	1	30	2	3	180			
D. D. West	1	120	2	3	720			
Total Excavation Cft					900	cft	" 1	5
Stone in clay								
Filling Foundation C.W. North	1	30	2	2	120			
D. West	1	120	2	2	480			
North side compound wall raising	1	22	3	9	594			
D. at Gate	1	9	1½	6	81			
D. raising on old wall	1	34	1½	4½	229			
Raising North side	1	30	1½	9	405			
D. West side	1	120	1½	9	1620			
D. South side	1	20	1½	1½	45			
Total Cft New Stone in clay					3574	cft	" 16	335
Lowering old wall and Levelling								
East side	1	40	1½	2½	150			
West side	1	65	4	2	520			
South side	1	50	1½	1½	112			
Total Cft Dismantling					782	cft	" 2	8
Coping with burnt bricks and plastering with Chunam &:								
East side	1	57						
D.	1	9						
D.	1	40						
North	1	22						
D.	1	34						
D.	1	30						
West side	1	120						
D.	1	65						
South side	1	50						
Total Rft coping complete					429	Rft	" 56	142
						Carried over		490

Particulars	No.	Dimension L	B	D	Contents	Per	Rate	Amount
		Brought Forward						490
Painting with Chunam								
East side	2	57	"	9	1026			
Do	2	20	"	9	360			
North side	2	22	"	9	396			
Do	2	9	"	6	108			
Do	2	34	"	9	612			
Do	2	30	"	9	540			
West side	2	120	"	9	2160			
South side	2	50	"	9	900			
Do	1	40	"	10	400			
Total Sqrs Painting &c Complete					6502	Sqr	1 4	81
Plastering near of inner wall	1	30	"	12	360			
Do	2	65	"	10	650			
& for sundry repairing					400			
Total Sqrs Plastering					1410	Sqr	2 8	35
Repairing front door	1	6	"	12		L Sum		5
New Door	1	5	"	2½		do		6
Sundry repairs to cracks &c whitewashing in and out side the compound	1					L Sum		4 40
						Total		657
						Contingencies		33
						Grand Total Rupees		690

Bangalore
30 April
1889

Executive Engineer

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 91

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 2006
5026.

Dated 28th June 1887.

To

The Collector & Dist. Magistrate
Civil & Military Station
Bangalore.

Sir,

S. No. 7

With reference to your letter No. 206/33 d. 28th May 1887, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to furnish for the Resident's perusal any proceedings or orders of the Municipal Commission relating to the repairs of the Venkataramanaswami Temple in the Fort of Bangalore, as also any

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explanation of the grounds of such orders and the law under which they have issued.

2. As regards any proposal to repair the wall of the enclosure of the Temple which, when inspected by Mr. Fitzpatrick on the morning of the 20th instant, looked as if it had gone completely to ruin a hundred years ago, Mr. Fitzpatrick sees no reason for spending money on it. It involves

no danger to any one. It is no doubt slovenly and unsightly but so is, Mr. Fitzpatrick thinks, everything round about. Under these circumstances Government cannot undertake to do anything, and as the Pujaree of the Temple clearly cannot, Mr. Fitzpatrick sees no reason why he should not allow the matter to drop.

I have &c.

Asstt. to the Resident

23 June 97

Serial No. 1

[Draft]—For approval.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, 20th August 1887

No. 2655/5026.

To The Collector and District Magistrate
Cantonment Station

SIR,

*Subject.

Requesting by Firmaish for the Resident's perusal any proceedings or orders of the Municipal Commission relating to the repairs of the Venkataramanaswami Temple in the Fort of Bangalore -

I am directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the *margin, and to request the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Assistant to the Resident.

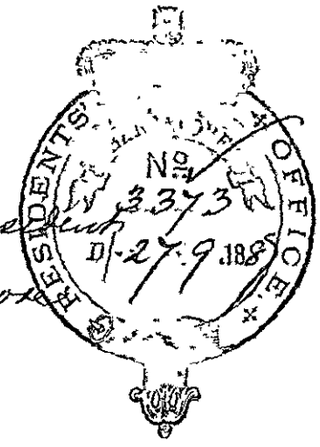
Sl 8 No. 2006/502-6 dated 28th June 1887

Subsequent Reminder

No. dated

C.G. 9-8-87 M. 16/8/87

To



The Officiating British Resident
Mysore

Most Respected Sir.

About two or three months ago when Your honor had the pleasure of visiting the Venkataramanaswami's Temple in Fort Bangalore with a view to make personal enquiry regarding the delapidated condition of the said Temple about which a petition had been submitted. The undersigned had the good fortune of represe-ing matters to your honor at that time. After being satisfied your honor had been kindly pleased to promise to issue necessary orders for its restoration. The undersigned deeply regrets that nothing has been done towards this old standing temple wholly supported by the Government upto date whereas the recents heavy rains causing matters worse than before.

The rumour of your honor's departure from this Province makes the undersigned to take this opportunity to bring this matter once more with an earnest request that as a mark of Grace and Charity and moreover to perpetuate the memory of your bright though short and administration by the restoration of the said temple which is the first of the kind in Archaeological importance and occupies a

foremost place in the list submitted by L Bowring Esqr C.S.I. late chief Commissioner of Mysore to the Government of India.

As this is situated in the limits of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore I lay this appeal before your honor with a firm hope that this will meet your favourable consideration and orders.

In conclusion the undersigned prayes for your honors long life happiness and prosperity.

I beg to remain
Most Respected Sir
Your Most obdt & humble
Servant
C. Venkoba Row
residing in the Fort of
Bangalore

22nd September
1887.

Lt. Col. Bathurst
C.S.
24/9/87

Col. Fraser
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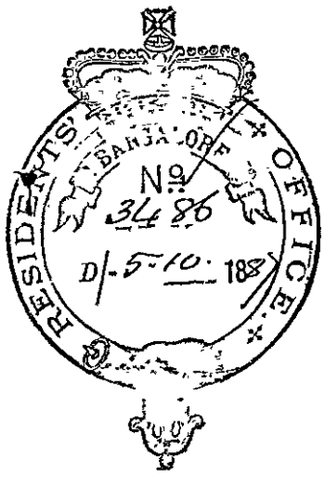

No 656/166 Enc: 1

Collectors Office.
Civil and Military Station
Dated Bangalore 3rd October/87

To

The Assistant to the
President in Mysore.

Sir.

Sl No 9

With reference to your letter No: 2655/5026 dated 20th August 1887 I have the honour to forward ~~in original~~, Copy of the Municipal Engineer's report received from the President Municipal Commission, from which it would appear that the action with regard to the Vencata Ramanaswamy's temple was taken under the orders of the then Officiating President.

I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your most obedt. Servant

Law. Hudleston
Offg: Collector

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P. No: 37.

Municipal Engineer's report.

Mr Cirdlestone when acting Resident inspected the Fort and the temple and finding the walls surrounding it, especially the portion towards the old Palace, in a delapedated condition asked Sumpath Bhutt to have them put in order.

Some 2 or 3 weeks after the Resident again inspected the Fort and finding that the walls had not been repaired asked Major Maltby to have a notice served - this was done. -

On receiving the notice Sumpath Bhutt, and some others submitted a petition stating that the Temple was Government property and that the repairs should be carried out by Government. Major Maltby on this cancelled the notice served on Sumpath Bhutt.

/sd G. Gibson
Fnl: Engr

No: 844
1897.

Copy

Copy forwarded to the Collector Civil and Military Station, with reference to his Docket No $\frac{516}{28}$ dated 24th August 1887.

Edw. H Watson

President

27 September 1887. ad.

28/9/87

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No. 3369/5026.

THE RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Bangalore, 14th October 1887.

~~MEMORANDUM~~.

Encl no 10.

Petn dy 22d Sept. 07. from V. Venkobia Rao, residing in the Fort of Bangalore praying that the wall of the Venkata-Ramanaswami temple in the Fort of ~~Bangalore~~, may be ordered to be repaired.

Order

The Petr is informed that no assistance can be rendered him in the matter of repairing the temple, and that Mr Fitzpatrick never held out any hope to him on that account. That it would be.

By Order,

Dft.

Asst Resident.

19/10/87

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 3477 / Encl 1
5026

Dated 24th Oct 1887.

To

The Dewan of Mysore

Sir,

With refce to your letter No.
3007/233 dy 6th Augt/06, I am directed to
forward, for the information of the Durbar
copy of ~~para 2 of~~ this Office letter
No. 2006/5026 dy 20th June/07 to the Collector
and Dist Magistrate of the C. & M.
Station, relating to the repairs of
the ~~enclosed~~ wall of the Venkataramana
Swami Temple, situated in the Fort of
Bangalore.

I have &c.

Asstt Resident.

19/10/07. M. Coffin

Encl 2. —

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